AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-2. (canceled)

3. (previously amended): The method of claim 26, wherein at least 90 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the hydrophobic solvent.

4. (previously amended): The method of claim 26, wherein the hydrophobic solvent in said composition has a solubility in water of less than 0.1 wt%.

5. (previously amended): The method of claim 26, wherein the beneficial agent in said composition has a concentration from 0.1 mg/ml to 500 mg/ml.

6. (previously amended): The method of claim 26, wherein the beneficial agent in said composition has a concentration from 10 mg/ml to 500 mg/ml.

7. (canceled)

8. (previously amended): The method of claim 26, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than or equal to 2000 centipoise.

9. (previously amended): The method of claim 26, wherein less than 25% of the beneficial agent in said composition is released in 24 hours following administration *in vivo*.

10. (canceled)

11. (previously amended): The method of claim 26, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent in said composition form a suspension.

12. (previously amended): The method of claim 26, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent in said composition form a solution.

13. (canceled)

14. (previously amended): The method of claim 30, wherein at least 55 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the hydrophobic solvent.

15. (previously amended): The method of claim 30, wherein at least 90 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the hydrophobic solvent.

16. (previously amended): The method of claim 30, wherein the hydrophobic solvent of said composition has a solubility in water of less than 0.1 wt%.

17-18. (canceled)

19. (previously amended): The method of claim 30, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than 500 centipoise.

20. (previously amended): The method of claim 30, wherein the hydrophobic solvent is benzyl benzoate, the hydrophilic solvent is benzyl alcohol, the bioerodible polymer is polylactide, and the beneficial agent is a peptide or protein,

21. (previously amended): The method of claim 30, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent form a solution.

22. (previously amended): The method of claim 30, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent form a suspension.

23-25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended): A method of administering a beneficial agent, comprising injecting a composition comprising:

a solvent mixture comprising one or more hydrophobic solvents, wherein the total amount of hydrophobic solvent or solvents have a solubility in water of less than 1 wt% and wherein at least 55 wt% of the solvent mixture is the hydrophobic solvent and a hydrophilic solvent;

a bioerodible polymer; and

a beneficial agent,

the composition forming a solution, suspension, or gel;

into an organism through a needle, wherein the needle is ~~no greater than~~ a 25-gauge needle.

27. (currently amended): ~~The method of claim 26,~~ A method of administering a beneficial agent, comprising injecting a composition comprising:

a solvent mixture comprising one or more hydrophobic solvents, wherein the total amount of hydrophobic solvent or solvents have a solubility in water of less than 1 wt% and wherein at least 55 wt% of the solvent mixture is the hydrophobic solvent and a hydrophilic solvent;

a bioerodible polymer; and

a beneficial agent,

the composition forming a solution, suspension, or gel;

into an organism through a needle, wherein the needle is a 28-gauge needle.

28. (currently amended): ~~The method of claim 26,~~ A method of administering a beneficial agent, comprising injecting a composition comprising:

a solvent mixture comprising one or more hydrophobic solvents, wherein the total amount of hydrophobic solvent or solvents have a solubility in water of less than 1 wt% and wherein at least 55 wt% of the solvent mixture is the hydrophobic solvent and a hydrophilic solvent;

a bioerodible polymer; and

a beneficial agent,

the composition forming a solution, suspension, or gel;

into an organism through a needle, wherein the needle is a 30-gauge needle.

29. (canceled)

30. (currently amended): A method of administering a beneficial agent, comprising injecting a composition comprising:

a solvent mixture, comprising

a hydrophobic solvent, wherein said hydrophobic solvent has a solubility in water of less than 1 wt%; and

a hydrophilic solvent;

a bioerodible polymer; and

a beneficial agent,

the composition forming a solution, suspension, or gel; and

wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than or equal to 2000 centipoise;

into an organism through a needle, wherein the needle is ~~no greater than~~ a 25-gauge needle.

31. (currently amended): ~~The method of claim 30,~~ A method of administering a beneficial agent, comprising injecting a composition comprising:

a solvent mixture, comprising

a hydrophobic solvent, wherein said hydrophobic solvent has a solubility in water of less than 1 wt%; and

a hydrophilic solvent;

a bioerodible polymer; and

a beneficial agent,

the composition forming a solution, suspension, or gel; and

wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than or equal to 2000 centipoise;

into an organism through a needle, wherein the needle is a 28-gauge needle.

32. (currently amended): ~~The method of claim 30,~~ A method of administering a beneficial agent, comprising injecting a composition comprising:

a solvent mixture, comprising

a hydrophobic solvent, wherein said hydrophobic solvent has a solubility in water of less than 1 wt%; and

a hydrophilic solvent;

a bioerodible polymer; and

a beneficial agent,

the composition forming a solution, suspension, or gel; and

wherein the viscosity of the composition is less than or equal to 2000 centipoise;

into an organism through a needle, wherein the needle is a 30-gauge needle.

33-43. (canceled)

44. (previously amended): The method of claim 26, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than 1000 centipoise.

45-47. (canceled)

48. (previously amended): The method of claim 30, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than 1000 centipoise.

49-54. (canceled)

55. (New): The method of claim 27, wherein at least 90 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the hydrophobic solvent.

56. (New): The method of claim 27, wherein the hydrophobic solvent in said composition has a solubility in water of less than 0.1 wt%.

57. (New): The method of claim 27, wherein the beneficial agent in said composition has a concentration from 0.1 mg/ml to 500 mg/ml.

58. (New): The method of claim 27, wherein the beneficial agent in said composition has a concentration from 10 mg/ml to 500 mg/ml.

59. (New): The method of claim 27, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than or equal to 2000 centipoise.

60. (New): The method of claim 27, wherein less than 25% of the beneficial agent in said composition is released in 24 hours following administration *in vivo*.

61. (New): The method of claim 27, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent in said composition form a suspension.

62. (New): The method of claim 27, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent in said composition form a solution.

63. (New): The method of claim 27, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than 1000 centipoise.

64. (New): The method of claim 28, wherein at least 90 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the hydrophobic solvent.

65. (New): The method of claim 28, wherein the hydrophobic solvent in said composition has a solubility in water of less than 0.1 wt%.

66. (New): The method of claim 28, wherein the beneficial agent in said composition has a concentration from 0.1 mg/ml to 500 mg/ml.

67. (New): The method of claim 28, wherein the beneficial agent in said composition has a concentration from 10 mg/ml to 500 mg/ml.

68. (New): The method of claim 28, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than or equal to 2000 centipoise.

69. (New): The method of claim 28, wherein less than 25% of the beneficial agent in said composition is released in 24 hours following administration *in vivo*.

70. (New): The method of claim 28, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent in said composition form a suspension.

71. (New): The method of claim 28, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent in said composition form a solution.

72. (New): The method of claim 28, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than 1000 centipoise.

73. (New): The method of claim 31, wherein at least 55 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the hydrophobic solvent.

74. (New): The method of claim 31, wherein at least 90 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the hydrophobic solvent.

75. (New): The method of claim 31, wherein the hydrophobic solvent of said composition has a solubility in water of less than 0.1 wt%.

76. (New): The method of claim 31, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than 500 centipoise.

77. (New): The method of claim 31, wherein the hydrophobic solvent is benzyl benzoate, the hydrophilic solvent is benzyl alcohol, the bioerodible polymer is polylactide, and the beneficial agent is a peptide or protein,

78. (New): The method of claim 31, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent form a solution.

79. (New): The method of claim 31, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent form a suspension.

80. (New): The method of claim 31, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than 1000 centipoise.

81. (New): (New): The method of claim 32, wherein at least 55 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the hydrophobic solvent.

82. (New): The method of claim 32, wherein at least 90 wt% of the solvent mixture in said composition is the hydrophobic solvent.

83. (New): The method of claim 32, wherein the hydrophobic solvent of said composition has a solubility in water of less than 0.1 wt%.

84. (New): The method of claim 32, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than 500 centipoise.

85. (New): The method of claim 32, wherein the hydrophobic solvent is benzyl benzoate, the hydrophilic solvent is benzyl alcohol, the bioerodible polymer is polylactide, and the beneficial agent is a peptide or protein,

86. (New): The method of claim 32, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent form a solution.

87. (New): The method of claim 32, wherein the hydrophilic solvent, the hydrophobic solvent, the bioerodible polymer, and the beneficial agent form a suspension.

88. (New): The method of claim 32, wherein the viscosity of said composition is less than 1000 centipoise.